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TO : C/PPS

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FROM : C/LAS

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #42

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. EE has indicated a possible desire for an internal intensive (full-time) course in Hungarian for three persons to begin early in 1958 and to run for six months.

2. Based upon a single requirement for semi-intensive (half-time) Dutch reading, we are canvassing the Agency for other similar interests with the thought of satisfying all with a single training program conducted internally. We now have a probable three persons.

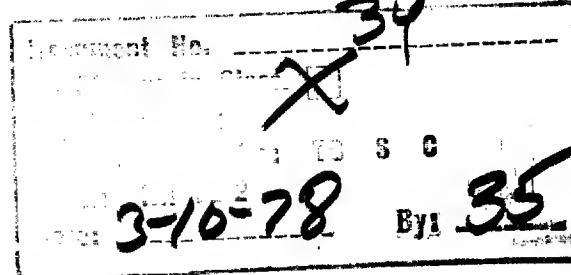
3. We now are trying to put together some stragglers interested in full-time French with a view to starting a special course for those whose interests were not brought to our attention in time for the course that began on 14 October.

4. ORR has decided to provide space, three recorders, booth and clerical supervision for a small laboratory in M Building. We now are providing consultation and ultimately will provide general supervision and maintenance of equipment. With this, [REDACTED] will be overseeing three laboratories. 25X1A9a

5. Our search inside and outside of the Agency for native speakers of Brazilian Portuguese to serve as drill-masters in a contemplated full-time course for six persons in WH has failed to locate qualified persons. Over thirty persons have been contacted. The search has involved around a hundred telephone calls. We probably shall suggest an adjustment in [REDACTED] program that will not seriously impede him but will permit the FSI to take this WH group. 25X1A9a

6. Our long effort to locate a suitable and qualified assistant in Chinese, especially vigorous recently, has not been successful so far. We are pursuing another possibility now that, if successful, will add quality, stature and character to the high prestige [REDACTED] creates. Various components have been extremely cooperative, even though their efforts for us have been unproductive.

7. In response to discussion of Swahili we initiated two months ago in the Language Training IAC Roundtable, other agencies participating in the Roundtable are beginning to show small but firm interest in future training in Swahili. Internal contacts we have made have produced indications of small probable interest. NEA has indicated interest in training one or two persons at a time on a part-time (very limited objective) basis and FDD may have altogether three persons.



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8. We are endeavoring to make special arrangements for training in Albanian for FDD.

9. Mrs. [REDACTED] has formally announced her intention to resign as of 1 November preceding birth of an expected baby. She does not expect to return to CIA. She has been a very positive asset, first to [REDACTED] and then to [REDACTED] and the staff of Eastern Studies.

10. [REDACTED] will be married on 19 October and will be away about ten calendar days. [REDACTED] will act as Coordinator of the Voluntary Language Study Program. The program, now consisting of about 35 classes, is under good control and rolling well; so no major problems are anticipated. This seems like an appropriate place to comment that [REDACTED] is doing a superior job of making an orderly, systematic program out of a very complicated affair involving innumerable details and wide variety of persons and personalities. And I am sure [REDACTED] would not want this comment to go without its including commendation of [REDACTED] who, at one time or another, needs to contact the many, many students and who calmly keeps in order the myriad housekeeping details.

11. BCS-Germany #3 began on 15 October with ten students, three from EE, five from OCR, and two from other IAC agencies. A majority of the enrollees have, or are working toward, advanced degrees. Hence a quasi-seminar technique for discussions of current books and intelligence-oriented themes will be introduced in this offering of the course. [REDACTED] new chief of EE/[REDACTED] who has been assigned almost continuously abroad since World War II, gave the key note talk on 15 October and expressed his thorough support of area and language training.

12. On 14 October, [REDACTED] (SIC) met with John M. Thompson, Staff Assistant to C. E. Black, Chairman of a Committee of the Social Science Research Council which is engaged in a survey in the field of Slavic Studies in the United States. Mr. Thompson is interested in ascertaining the probable future needs of CIA for persons trained in Russian area studies. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are to draw up a letter summarizing the results of their conversation with Mr. Thompson.

13. Basic Chinese-RSW (FT) began on 15 October, with five students enrolled.

14. The regular Polish Proficiency Test was given to one person on 10 October, with Mr. [REDACTED] serving on the oral panel.

15. The French test was given by special request to 3 people on 10 October with Mrs. [REDACTED] on the oral panel.

16. [REDACTED] conferred with Mrs. [REDACTED] of A&E and Miss [REDACTED] on 10 October to order special answer sheets for use in proficiency tests.

17. On 14 October, [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED] Building to brief [REDACTED] of NSA on the composition of a test in Tibetan.

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18. Security clearance was received to contact [REDACTED] regarding the composition of a test in Albanian. [REDACTED] will see him on 17 October. 25X1A9a

19. Security clearance was received to use [REDACTED] as an informant and instructor for Swahili. [REDACTED] contacted him on 11 October. The work of drawing up a contract has been started. 25X9A5
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20. Security clearance was received to contact [REDACTED] regarding the composition of a test in Amharic. Since he is at the University of Kentucky, he will be contacted by letter. 25X9A5
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21. Security clearance was requested to contact Mrs. [REDACTED] regarding the composition of a test in Icelandic. 25X1A9a

22. [REDACTED] conferred with [REDACTED] on 4 October to clarify the Maintenance Award status of applicants who had completed the Certification-for-Language-Award forms. 25X1A9a
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